

IN THE CLAIMS

Amended claims follow:

1.-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A computer program product comprising a computer program operable to control a computer to process received e-mail messages, said computer program comprising:

(i) e-mail filtering logic operable to receive an e-mail message and to apply at least one test to identify a received e-mail message as a potentially unwanted e-mail message; and

(ii) message forwarding logic operable to forward said potentially unwanted e-mail message to its addressee together with a prompt for said addressee to provide feedback as to whether or not said received e-mail message is an unwanted e-mail message;

wherein a rule associated with said e-mail filtering logic is added if a threshold of a predetermined number of votes positively identifies said potentially unwanted e-mail message as an unwanted e-mail message;

wherein said e-mail filtering logic uses a scoring algorithm responsive to identification of predetermined words within said received e-mail message and a message size of said received e-mail message to identify said received e-mail message as a potentially unwanted e-mail message.

10. (Original) A computer program product as claimed in claim 9, wherein said potentially unwanted e-mail message is forwarded encapsulated within a markup language document including a hypertext markup language document capable of being displayed utilizing a network browser, the document providing voting buttons to allow said addressee to provide said feedback.

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11. (Original) A computer program product as claimed in claim 9, wherein said message filtering logic is operable to add a new test to those applied to said received e-mail messages in dependence upon said feedback.

12.-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) A method of processing received e-mail messages, said method comprising the steps of:

- (i) receiving an e-mail message and to apply at least one test to identify a received e-mail message as a potentially unwanted e-mail message; and
- (ii) forwarding said potentially unwanted e-mail message to its addressee together with a prompt for said addressee to provide feedback as to whether or not said received e-mail message is an unwanted e-mail message;

wherein a rule associated with e-mail filtering logic is added if a threshold of a predetermined number of votes positively identifies said potentially unwanted e-mail message as an unwanted e-mail message;

wherein a scoring algorithm is utilized responsive to identification of predetermined words within said received e-mail message and a message size of said received e-mail message to identify said received e-mail message as a potentially unwanted e-mail message.

22. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 21, wherein said potentially unwanted e-mail message is forwarded encapsulated within a markup language document including a hypertext markup language document capable of being displayed utilizing a network browser, the document providing voting buttons to allow said addressee to provide said feedback.

23. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 21, further comprising adding a new test to those applied to said received e-mail messages in dependence upon said feedback.

24.-32. (Cancelled)

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33. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for processing received e-mail messages, said apparatus comprising:

- (i) an e-mail filter operable to receive an e-mail message and to apply at least one test to identify a received e-mail message as a potentially unwanted e-mail message; and
- (ii) a message forwarder operable to forward said potentially unwanted e-mail message to its addressee together with a prompt for said addressee to provide feedback as to whether or not said received e-mail message is an unwanted e-mail message;

wherein a rule associated with e-mail filtering logic is added if a threshold of a predetermined number of votes positively identifies said potentially unwanted e-mail message as an unwanted e-mail message;

wherein said e-mail filter uses a scoring algorithm responsive to identification of predetermined words within said received e-mail message and a message size of said received e-mail message to identify said received e-mail message as a potentially unwanted e-mail message.

34. (Original) Apparatus as claimed in claim 33, wherein said potentially unwanted e-mail message is forwarded encapsulated within a markup language document including a hypertext markup language document capable of being displayed utilizing a network browser, the document providing voting buttons to allow said addressee to provide said feedback.

35. (Original) Apparatus as claimed in claim 33, wherein said message filter is operable to add a new test to those applied to said received e-mail messages in dependence upon said feedback.

36. (Cancelled)

37. (New) A computer program product as claimed in claim 9, wherein said scoring algorithm is responsive to an addressee list of said received e-mail message.

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38. (New) A computer program product as claimed in claim 9, further comprising test creating logic operable to allow creation of a new test to be added to said at least one test provided by said e-mail filtering logic.

39. (New) A computer program product as claimed in claim 9, wherein said computer program is arranged to receive and process e-mail messages before said e-mail messages reach an associated target e-mail server.

40. (New) A computer program product as claimed in claim 9, wherein said prompt for said addressee to provide feedback is not forwarded with said potentially unwanted e-mail if an administrator identifies said e-mail message as being wanted.

41. (New) A computer program product as claimed in claim 9, wherein said rule associated with said e-mail filtering logic is confirmed manually.

42. (New) A computer program product as claimed in claim 41, wherein said manual confirmation is not required if a predefined number of highly trusted users positively identify said potentially unwanted e-mail message as an unwanted e-mail message.

43. (New) A computer program product as claimed in claim 41, wherein said prompt for said addressee to provide feedback is not forwarded with said potentially unwanted e-mail and said rule is not added if said rule is not confirmed manually.